

Dear Committee Members

I write in opposition to HB 5429. This bill is the work of two special interest groups - Desegregate CT and the building trades and contractors - and has zero respect or appreciation for community consensus and local resident input.

HB 5429 creates a rubber stamp fast-pass to any developer who wishes to build high density housing within a 1/2 mile proximity to a mass transport station within a town. It gives no regard or credit for efforts underway to fulfill affordable housing goals and is an edict from Hartford to the residents of the many towns these lawmakers do not even represent to change the landscape and quality of life of many of our towns.

Many of us left big cities for a slower pace with less traffic and a lower skyline. Beyond the allure of our communities, the state of Connecticut challenges our patience with a high tax burden and one-party rule. If we lose our local community voice to well-funded special interests, why not just go back to the city?

I urge you to support a bipartisan effort that acknowledges the value and expertise of local voices and not support this bill.

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